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*Whirligig* is about a boy Brent. He is coming back from a party that he just got humiliated at. He is drunk and driving. He tries to get in a crash to kill himself, but instead of that he kills another person in the process. He's now traveling the country by himself, making whirligigs of the woman he killed for her mother. He will put them on the four corners of the U.S.

I will talk about drunk driving from the book. Well, Brent's drunk driving got him in a bad situation because he tried to kill himself but killed someone else's loved one in the process of doing so. Drink driving is not bad; it's horrible, crazy and dumb. I know I will never do so. But Brent did a bad thing and now he has to make it better. It is symbolized [in our own whirligig design projects] because a lot of people put a picture of Brent driving with a beer can in his hand.

Brent wants to fit in, but he can't. Everyone hardly knows he exists. So for fitting in Brent is making whirligigs. He is making a girl but he is doing so for her mother because as you know he killed her but not on purpose. That is how I think he will fit in, well, at least try. This is symbolized in the designs because people wrote about it.

Brent is traveling the country alone, so he can make the whirligigs and display them in a corner of the U.S. I think he might be scared but also is having fun. He is probably fitting in and maybe making new friends. He is proud of himself for doing a good thing to make a bad thing feel right: so he does not feel bad about anything. This is symbolized in the designs because people wrote about it and drew an example.

I learned that drunk driving is very dangerous and that if something bad happens and you did it try and fix it. Don't be

miserably guilty the rest of your life. Make new friends. Don't give up. Be a good person to others and yourself. Keep trying because if you don't you will not get far in your life, at all.